JUL 18200S A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH

PTO/SB/08A (04-03)

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
er the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

Sheet 1

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

| Complete if Known      |                |  |  |  |
|------------------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| Application Number     | 10/666,568     |  |  |  |
| Filing Date            | 09/19/2003     |  |  |  |
| First Named Inventor   | McNally et al. |  |  |  |
| Art Unit               | 1742           |  |  |  |
| Examiner Name          |                |  |  |  |
| Attament Docket Number | 7660 4         |  |  |  |

| U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS |              |  |                                |  |  |  |
|------------------------|--------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Examiner<br>Initials*  | Cite<br>No.1 | Document Number  Number-Kind Code <sup>2 (f known)</sup> | Publication Date<br>MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or<br>Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where<br>Relevant Passages or Relevan<br>Figures Appear |  |
| HSA                    |              | <sup>US-</sup> 6,861,570 B1                              | 03/01/2005                     | Flick  |  |  |
|                        |              | US-  |                                |  |  |  |
|                        |              | U\$-   |                                |  |  |  |
|                        |              | US-  |                                |  |  |  |
|                        |              | US∙  |                                |  |  |  |
|                        |              | US-  |                                |  |  |  |
| <del></del>            |              | US-  |                                |  |  |  |
|                        |              | US-  |                                |  |  |  |
|                        |              | US-  |                                |  |  |  |
|                        |              | US-  |                                |  |  |  |
|                        | 1            | US-  |                                |  |  |  |
|                        |              | US-  |                                |  |  |  |
|                        |              | US-  |                                |  |  |  |
|                        |              | US-  |                                |  |  |  |
|                        |              | US-  |                                |  |  |  |
|                        |              | US-  |                                |  |  |  |
|                        |              | US-  |                                |  |  |  |
|                        | <b> </b>     | US-  |                                |  |  |  |
|                        |              | US-  |                                |  |  |  |

| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS |              |   |                     |  |   |                |
|--------------------------|--------------|---|---------------------|--|---|----------------|
| Examiner<br>Initials*    | Cite<br>No.1 | Foreign Patent Document   | Publication<br>Date | Name of Patentee or<br>Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines,<br>Where Relevant Passages |                |
|                          |              | Country Code <sup>3</sup> "Number <sup>4</sup> "Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known) | MM-DD-YYYY          |  | Or Relevant Figures Appear                        | T <sup>6</sup> |
| HEA                      |              | EP 0128338A1  | 12/19/1984          | Mansford et al.                                    |   |                |
| HEAR                     |              | EP 0291587A1  | 11/23/1988          | Sagar et al.                                       |   |                |
| 148H                     |              | EP 0344090A2  | 11/29/1989          | Korol  |   |                |
| MEA                      |              | EP 0354315A1  | 05/13/1992          | Sugii et al.                                       |   |                |
| 1684                     |              | EP 0392640A2  | 10/17/1990          | Gilman   |   |                |
| HGATO                    |              | WO 90/08470   | 08/09/1990          | Gilchrist  |   |                |

| Examiner<br>Signature | The | almit | Date Considered | 4/4/06 |
|-----------------------|-----|-------|-----------------|--------|
|                       |     |       |                 |        |

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. Inter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Indication the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

PTO/SB/08A (04-03)

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

On the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Attorney Docket Number 7668-4

Substitute for form 1449/PTO
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

 Complete if Known

 Application Number
 10/666,568

 Filing Date
 09/19/2003

 First Named Inventor
 McNally et al.

 Art Unit
 1742

 Examiner Name
 Image: Complete if Known

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 2

**U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS** Name of Patentee or Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Publication Date Examiner Cite **Document Number** Applicant of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY Relevant Passages or Relevant No.1 Initials' Figures Appear Number-Kind Code<sup>2</sup> (# known) ÚS. US-US-US. US. US-US-US-IIS-US-ŪS-US-US US-US-US-US-US-

|                       |              | FORE  | IGN PATENT DOCL     | MENTS  |   |          |
|-----------------------|--------------|---|---------------------|--|---|----------|
| Examiner<br>Initials* | Cite<br>No.1 | Foreign Patent Document   | Publication<br>Date | Name of Patentee or<br>Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines,<br>Where Relevant Passages |          |
|                       |              | Country Code <sup>3</sup> "Number <sup>4</sup> "Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known) | MM-DD-YYYY          |  | Or Relevant Figures Appear                        | T°       |
| H841                  |              | WO 91/11206   | 08/08/1991          | Gilding  |   |          |
| AFA                   |              | WO 92/13491   | 08/20/1992          | Vidal et al.                                       |   |          |
|                       |              |   |                     |  |   | -        |
| <del></del>           |              |   |                     |  |   | ╁        |
|                       | -            |   |                     |  |   | ╇╾       |
|                       | Į.           |   |                     |  | <u> </u>  | <u> </u> |

| Examiner<br>Signature | Thul | aluto | Date<br>Considered                | 4/4/06                            |
|-----------------------|------|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                       |      |       | with MOED COO Draw line through a | itation if and in confermance and |

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the Indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This coffection of Information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The Information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.